

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A method for processing data in a distributed architecture, the method comprising the steps of:
 - gathering information content from at least one repository according to a predetermined schedule;
 - registering the information content;
 - assigning the information content at least one document identifier;
 - transmitting at least one work request regarding at least a portion of the information content to a first work queue;
 - processing the at least one work request by generating a meta-document representation of the portion of the information content;
 - ~~transmitting the at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation to a second work queue; and
 - ~~processing analyzing the at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation.
2. *(Cancelled)*
3. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 21, wherein the meta-document representation comprises extensible markup language (XML) format.
4. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 21, wherein the step of analyzing the meta-document representation comprises ~~further comprising the step of:~~
 - metrics extraction of analyzing the meta-document representation.
5. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 21, ~~further comprising the step of~~ wherein the step of analyzing the meta-document representation comprises:

indexing the meta-document representation.

6. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
generating progress statistics regarding the step of ~~processing the at least a portion of the~~
~~information content~~ analyzing the meta-document representation.

7. *(Original)* The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
transmitting the progress statistics to a third work queue.

8. *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein the first work queue and the second work queue share access to a central data structure.

9. *(Original)* The method of claim 8, wherein access is shared via a CORBA service.

10. *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 8, wherein the central data structure represents at least one of a metrics history and taxonomy regarding the information content.

11. *(Currently Amended)* A system for processing data in a distributed architecture, the system comprising:

an information content gathering module that gathers information content from at least one repository according to a predetermined schedule;

a registering module that registers the information content;

an assigning module that assigns the information content at least one document identifier;

a work request transmitting module that transmits at least one work request regarding at least a portion of the information content to a first work queue;

a work request processing module that processes the at least one work request by generating a meta-document representation of the portion of the information content;

an information content transmitting module that transmits the ~~at least a portion of the~~
~~information content~~ meta-document representation to a second work queue; and

an information content processing module that ~~processes~~ analyzes the ~~at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation.

12. *(Cancelled)*

13. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim ~~12~~11, wherein the meta-document representation comprises extensible markup language (XML) format.

14. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim ~~12~~11, wherein the information content processing module that analyzes the meta-document representation comprises further comprising:

a metrics extraction ~~an analyzing~~ module that performs metrics extraction on ~~analyzes~~ the meta-document representation.

15. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim ~~12~~11, wherein the information content processing module that analyzes the meta-document representation comprises further comprising:

an indexing module that indexes the meta-document representation.

16. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim 11, further comprising:

a generating module that generates progress statistics regarding the ~~processing of the at least a portion of the information content~~ analyzing of the meta-document representation.

17. *(Original)* The system of claim 16, further comprising:

a progress statistics transmitting module that transmits the progress statistics to a third work queue.

18. *(Original)* The system of claim 11, wherein the first work queue and the second work queue share access to a central data structure.

19. **(Original)** The system of claim 18, wherein access is shared via a CORBA service.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 18, wherein the central data structure represents at least one of a metrics history and taxonomy regarding the information content.

21. **(Currently Amended)** A system for processing data in a distributed architecture, the system comprising:

gathering means for gathering information content from at least one repository according to a predetermined schedule;

registering means for registering the information content;

assigning means for assigning the information content at least one document identifier;

work request transmitting means for transmitting at least one work request regarding at least a portion of the information content to a first work queue;

work request processing means for processing the at least one work request by generating a meta-document representation of the portion of the information content;

information content transmitting means for transmitting the ~~at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation to a second work queue; and

information content processing means for ~~processing~~ analyzing the ~~at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation.

22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the meta-document representation comprises extensible markup language (XML) format.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the information content processing means for analyzing the meta-document representation comprises further comprising:

metrics extraction ~~analyzing~~ means for ~~analyzing~~ performing metrics extraction on the meta-document representation.

25. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the information content processing means for analyzing the meta-document representation comprises ~~further comprising:~~
indexing means for indexing the meta-document representation.

26. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim 21, further comprising:
progress statistics generating means for generating progress statistics regarding the ~~processing- analyzing~~ of the at least a portion of the information content meta-document representation.

27. *(Original)* The system of claim 26, further comprising:
progress statistics transmitting means for transmitting the progress statistics to a third work queue.

28. *(Original)* The system of claim 21, wherein the first work queue and the second work queue share access to a central data structure.

29. *(Original)* The system of claim 28, wherein access is shared via a CORBA service.

30. *(Currently Amended)* The system of claim 28, wherein the central data structure represents at least one of a metrics history and taxonomy regarding the information content.

31. *(Currently Amended)* A processor readable medium comprising processor readable code embodied therein for causing a processor to process data in a distributed architecture, the medium comprising:

information content gathering code that causes a processor to gather information content from at least one repository according to a predetermined schedule;

registering code that causes a processor to register the information content;
assigning code that causes a processor to assign the information content at least one document identifier;
work request transmitting code that causes a processor to transmit at least one work request regarding at least a portion of the information content to a first work queue;
work request processing code that causes a processor to process the at least one work request by generating a meta-document representation of the portion of the information content;
information content transmitting code that causes a processor to transmit the ~~at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation to a second work queue; and
information content processing code that causes a processor to ~~process~~ analyze the ~~at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation.

32. *(Cancelled)*

33. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein the meta-document representation comprises extensible markup language (XML) format.

34. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein the information content processing code that causes a processor to analyze the meta-document representation comprises further comprising:

categorizing ~~analyzing~~ code that causes a processor to ~~analyze~~ categorize the meta-document representation.

35. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim ~~32~~ 31, wherein the information content processing code that causes a processor to analyze the meta-document representation comprises further comprising:

indexing code that causes a processor to index the meta-document representation.

36. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim 31, further comprising:

generating code that causes a processor to generate progress statistics regarding the ~~processing-analyzing of the at least a portion of the information content~~ meta-document representation.

37. *(Original)* The medium of claim 36, further comprising:

progress statistics transmitting code that causes a processor to transmit the progress statistics to a third work queue.

38. *(Original)* The medium of claim 31, wherein the first work queue and the second work queue share access to a central data structure.

39. *(Original)* The medium of claim 38, wherein access is shared via a CORBA service.

40. *(Currently Amended)* The medium of claim 38, wherein the central data structure represents at least one of a metrics history and taxonomy regarding the information content.

41. *(New)* The method of claim 1 wherein the step of analyzing the meta-document representation comprises categorizing the meta-document representation.

42. *(New)* The system of claim 11, wherein the information content processing module that analyzes the meta-document representation comprises a categorizing module that categorizes the meta-document representation.

43. *(New)* The system of claim 21, wherein the information content processing means for analyzing the meta-document representation comprises categorization means for categorizing the meta-document representation.

44. (*New*) The medium of claim 31, wherein the information content processing code that causes a processor to analyze the meta-document representation comprises categorization code that categorizes the meta-document representation.